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SUBJECT: ALLEGED VIETNAMESE ARMS SALES

1. ACCORDING TO AN UNSOURCED NEW BRIEF FRONTPAGED IN THE JULY 22 EDITION OF KUALA LUMPUR "BUSINESS TIMES" ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, WEST GERMAN POLICE IN BONN REPORTEDLY HAVE SAID THAT THE SRV IS SELLING US\$2 BILLION WORTH OF AMERICAN ARMS CAPTURED AFTER THE END OF THE WAR IN APRIL, 1975. ACCORDING TO THE ITEM, THE ARMS SALES WILL ALLOW HANOI A MEANS TO GET RID OF THE WEAPONS -- ABOUT 90 THOUSAND PISTOLS, 15 THOUSAND MACHINE GUNS, AND 791 THOUSAND AUTOMATIC RIFLES FOR WHICH IT CANNOT GET SPARE PARTS -- AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

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2. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF FRUITLESS EFFORTS TRYING TO TRACK DOWN STORY, "BUSINESS TIMES" NEWS EDITOR TOLD USIS FSL JULY 29 THAT THE ITEM HAD BEEN CARRIED ON REUTER (ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL REUTER CORRESPONDENT HAD EARLIER DENIED THIS WAS A REUTER ITEM).

3. IN VIEW GENERAL INTEREST ON SUBJECT, WE ARE REPORTING THIS

ON FYI BASIS IN CASE REPORT HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP ELSEWHERE.
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ON ITS ACCURACY OR OTHER DETAILS
ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE.
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